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U.S. Doubles Held in Jacksonville

by Cathie Frederickson, AARA Media Coordinator

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For Proposed Rules Ballot

Racquetpower Club, Jacksonville, FL — It was standing-room-only at Racquetpower's three-wall glass court, staged and ready for the Mens Open Championship match kicking off the 1986 U.S. National Doubles Racquetball Championships. Dan Obremski (PA) and partner Doug Ganim (OH), seeded #4, faced off against #6 seeds Bill Sell (CA) and Tim Doyle (NY).

In the first game Obremski's and Ganim's performance towered over their opponents. They maintained a one point lead most of the game, their act constant as they continually pressed Doyle with lob serves. With the game tied at 11-11, Sell and Doyle suddenly rallied to a brief 12-11 lead. Following numerous sideouts Ganim and Obremski scored four straight points and won the game 15-12.

After reviewing the first scene, Sell and Doyle came out with new strategies, Sell began cutting off the lob serves intended for Doyle. They won 15-8, sending the match into a tiebreaker.

During the encore performance, Obremski and Ganim took a 6-5 lead. Sell and Doyle came back with a 9-7 lead. This scene was all too familiar to Obremski and Ganim. Throughout the entire event they came from deficit positions and stole the show. The final score, 11-9.

Obremski and Ganim captured the 1986 Mens Open U.S. Doubles Championship title and berths on the U.S. National Racquetball Team for their final victory.

The champions moved into the finals after they defeated the #1 seed and 1985 defending doubles champions, Andy Roberts and Tim Anthony. The match went into a long three games with Roberts and Anthony taking the first game 15-13. The defending champions missed a quick opportunity to move on to the finals as Obremski and Ganim snatched game two 15-14. The tiebreaker went to Obremski/Ganim 11-7.

Sell and Doyle proved their abilities by taking out Todd O'Neil and Tom Montalbano both U.S. team members in the semifinals 15-4, 6-15, 11-9.

The performance in the Womens Open final featuring four U.S. team members, took a different course of action. Trina Rasmussen (OR) and partner Mona Mook (CA) defeated their #2 seeded teammates, Michelle

Gilman (OR) and Connie Peterson (OR) in two straight games.

With the first game tied 7-7, Rasmussen and Mook moved out gathering five quick points to take a 12-7 lead. With their act almost flawless, Rasmussen and Mook took the first game 15-11.

At 12-11 in the second game it appeared as though Gilman and Peterson were going to push the match into a tiebreaker. But then Rasmussen served twice and brought the score to 13-12. Peterson forced a handout which ended Rasmussen's service and allowed Mook to serve. Mook quickly ended the match with two ace Z serves to Gilman's backhand. Rasmussen and Mook won the 1986 Womens Open Doubles Championship title and secured their positions on the U.S. team with the final score at 15-12.

Rasmussen and Mook moved to the finals by eliminating the top seeded, 1985 defending champions, Toni Bevelock (TN) and Malia Kamahoahoa (VA). Rasmussen and Mook lost the first game 14-15, then came back and claimed the semifinal's victory 15-6, 11-6.

Gilman and Peterson held off Florida's Diane Bullard and Julie Pinnell 15-9, 15-8 in their semifinals match.

Bullard and Pinnell went up against Bevelock and Kamahoahoa for third place and the bronze medal. Bevelock and Kamahoahoa won the first game 15-8, but Bullard and Pinnell regrouped and won 15-8, 11-8.

In the mixed doubles final, Trina Rasmussen of Oregon and Bobby Rodriguez of Colorado, picked up a second victory for Trina and the mixed doubles championship title by downing Toni Bevelock (TN) and Dan Obremski (PA). Rodriguez and Rasmussen were defeated in the first game 8-15, took the second 15-9, and dominated in the tiebreaker 11-1. Rodriguez and Rasmussen beat Florida's Brenda Barrett and Oscar Gonzalez 15-14, 15-9 to move into the final round. Bevelock and Obremski made their way to the finals by eliminating Malia Kamahoahoa (VA) and Bill Sell (CA) 15-12, 15-8.

Men's, Women's Age Divisions

Ike Gumer and partner Andrew Hyman both of Kentucky, took on Norman Creamer (FL) and Charlie Higgins (NH) in the finals of the Men's 70+ Division, the oldest division of the entire event. Gumer and Hyman swept up in two straight games 15-1, 15-1 to claim the gold medals and the championship title.

New champions were crowned in the Men's 65+ Division. Stan Berney (CA) and partner Carl Loveday (CA) downed the 1985 defending champions and #1 seeds, Irv Zietman (MO) and Ike Gumer (KY) 15-8, 15-14. Berney and Loveday took out

Womens Open winners, left to right: (3rd place) Diane Bullard, Julie Pinnell; (1st place) Trina Rasmussen, Mona Mook, (2nd place) Connie Peterson, Michele Gilman.



the tough team of Earl Acuff (VA) and Art Payne (OH) 15-4, 11-15, 11-8 to compete in the finals. Zietman and Gumer blew out Des Smith (WI) and Brad Turner (OH) in the semifinals 15-1, 15-2. The bronze medals were awarded to Acuff and Payne after they defeated Smith and Turner 15-1, 15-4.

Al Rossi (CA) and Saal Lesser (NY) teamed up and won the Men's 60+ Championship title. In the finals, they battled with Mal Roberts and George Bonfleur of Florida. The gold medalist took the first game 15-8, lost the second, 1-15, and squeezed by in the tiebreaker, 11-10. Rossi and Lesser removed the #1 seeded team, Stan Berney and Carl Loveday of California, 15-12, 15-14 to reach the finals. Roberts and Bonfleur beat Colorado's Dewey Houston and Dick Kincade in the semifinals 15-9, 15-7. Kincade and Houston took third place.

Al Rossi (CA) claimed his second victory in the Mens 55+ Division. He and his partner Joe Rizzo (NY), the #2 seeds, went home gold medalists by upsetting the #1 seeded team, Gene Grapes (PA) and Al Schattner (PA), 13-15, 15-8, 11-5. Rossi and Rizzo defeated Mal Roberts and Herb Nathan both of Florida in the semifinals, 15-10, 15-4. Grapes and Schattner moved into the finals by beating Russ Carruth and Norman Skanchy of Vermont, 15-13, 15-8 in the semifinals. Nathan and Roberts took third place by holding back Carruth and Skanchy, 15-6, 15-6.

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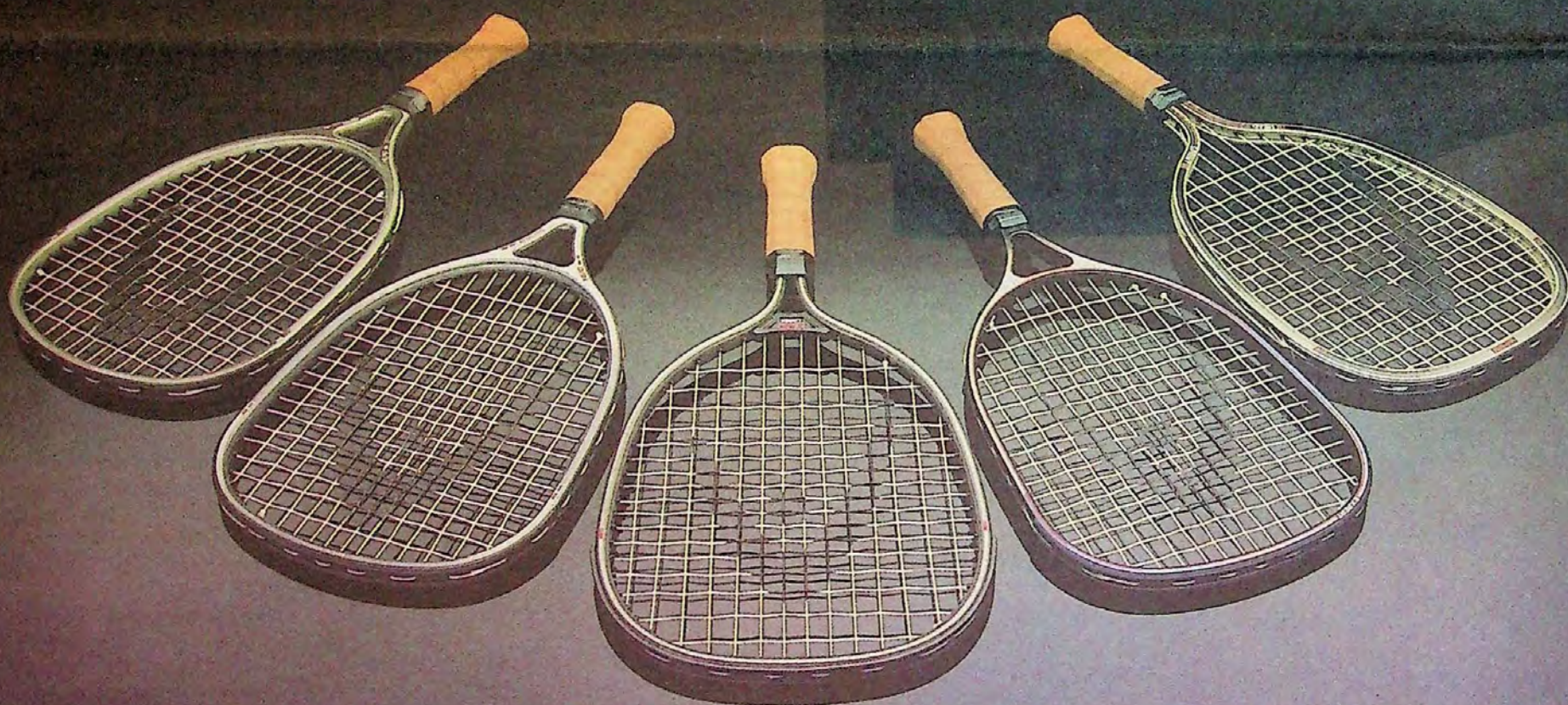
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Presidents Column

by Van Dubolsky

In a recent President's column I listed the AARA's main goals and objectives. I did this to make you aware of the direction your association is heading. Since that article was published the National Board of Directors met in Colorado Springs in October, 1986. At that meeting I asked the board to prioritize that list and I thought you might be interested in seeing the results of that "Ranking". The top ten:

1. To increase the general membership
2. To become a Group A member of the U.S. Olympic Committee
3. To expand outside sponsorship
4. To conduct a state directors seminar
5. To improve the functioning of special interest groups within the sport of racquetball through the junior council, intercollegiate council, women's council, master's council, military council, court club owners, disabled, seniors and others
6. To improve the quality of "Racquetball in Review"
7. To increase participation in state and regional events

8. To assist state organizations in establishing a legitimate non-profit governing body

9. To expand media coverage of racquetball events

10. To increase support from the racquetball manufacturers.

Obviously, there are other worthy objectives but it is interesting to note what goals are currently regarded as high priority items. It's also important to understand that, even though goals and or priorities have shifted from time to time, the association's number one objective has remained the same since the late 1970's. At that time it was decided that the success or failure of the association would be based upon our ability to gain an acceptable level of membership rather than having to rely on the contributions of major sponsors or various fund raising projects. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. We have made a commitment to build our membership primarily through the promotion and growth of strong state and regional organizations. We have become a "Republic" whereby national is a service center to the states and the regions. We have worked untiringly to produce relevant programming and

services which make membership in the association a solid investment for any and all racquetball enthusiasts.

We have been very successful over the past few years in significantly increasing our membership through sanctioned tournaments. The problem that still faces us is to develop a method of convincing the millions of non-tournament racquetball players to support their sport by joining the association. If we are going to continue to grow we must have a strong content of non-tournament players within our association. Therein lies the challenge to all of us as active committed members to spread the word among our fellow racquetballers not only of the value, but the necessity of becoming a member of the AARA to assist in the growth and development of racquetball in the United States.

As a closing thought I hope every active AARA member will make it their goal to sign up at least one non-tournament player within the next year's time. That's not a lot to ask considering the ultimate returns.

Thanks!

The AARA Elite Training Camp

The AARA Olympic Elite Training camp will be held at the Olympic Training Center in Marquette, MI from July 19-August 8. The different levels of student participation and designated weeks of attendance are:

Open week — July 19-July 25

Junior week — July 26-Aug. 1

Age week — Aug. 2-Aug. 8

Each week approximately six instructors are required to instruct forty or more students. Students must qualify by reaching the semifinals in any championship division at any of the 15 regional competitions. Instructors are selected by a combination of resume review, personal recommendations, and previous experience. Various levels of instruction are available from Touring Pro (interested in receiving instruction) to apprentice instructor (club pros and teachers wishing to learn new techniques as well as assisting in instruction).

Anyone interested in participating as an instructor at this year's camp should send their resume with appropriate cover letter to: Jim Hiser, AARA Elite Camp, G-2140 Fairway Dr., Davison, MI 48323; (313) 653-5999.

New Directions

by Luke St. Onge, Executive Director

I am most pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. John Mooney to the AARA National Professional Staff as Administrative Assistant — Membership Services. John comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in the racquetball industry. A long-time handball and racquetball player retired from the U.S. Air Force, he built his own racquetball club, founded the Colorado Racquetball Association, is a current club owner, and has the knowledge not only from the athletes viewpoint, but also from the club owner's. John's main responsibility will be to develop membership services as well as help provide support, develop and implement AARA programs with the State and Regional Organizations. John has undertaken a most important part of the AARA and we welcome him to the National Office.

For the fourth year now, we have mailed out year-end donation letters to key individuals within the sport. I am most pleased to report that the results from this year's mailing doubled the number of donations from our previous effort. I would like to publicly thank each of those who contributed. They are a very special group of people in our sport. I would like to share some of the notes which accompanied the donations with you — "Go for the Gold", "Racquetball has been very good to me. I appreciate the opportunity to give something back to the sport", "I hope this helps the Olympic movement", "This is a donation from each of the board members from our state", "Thanks for the lasting memory from the Elite Training Camp". This is just a small cross-section of the comments that came in. It makes one proud to be associated with such a highly dedicated, honorable, and caring membership.

On behalf of all of us and the future of our sport, thanks. It can't be done without you. You are the AARA. You can make a difference.

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Membership Vote Plays Role — Eyeguards, Screen Serve Top Rules Issues In '87

A handful of major rule changes — including mandatory eyewear and calling a screen serve a fault serve — have been proposed to the American Amateur Racquetball Association.

These potential changes now must undergo the scrutiny of the membership. That means that you, your doubles partner and opponents have an opportunity to affect the direction of racquetball.

The proposals, submitted at the Board of Directors meeting in October, will be voted upon at the annual board meeting in May prior to the U.S. National Singles Championships. Before the vote, the board will review the membership vote and the recommendation of the National Rules Committee and rules commissioner.

What follows is a brief description of the rule, the rationale for the change or addition and your ballot. Send your ballot and your comments to the address on the ballot right away.

A. Protective Eyewear Required

Lensed eye protection which bears the label of the National Society to Prevent Blindness (NSPB) is required apparel of players in all AARA sanctioned events.

The key here is lensed eye protection which meets the impact and optic standards of ASTM (American

Society for Testing Materials). More than 40,000 eye injuries in racquet sports, most of which were in racquetball, were documented by the Consumer Products Safety Commission in 1985. Urged on by an NSPB task force, which had the benefit of eye and racquet sports experts from the U.S. and Canada, the Eye and Face Protection Equipment Certification Council (EFPECC) was formed. It has a 25-member board of directors with representatives from all the racquet sport associations, handball, YMCA, medical organizations and manufacturers' representatives.

It's important to note that associations and clubs previously avoided mandatory eye protection because they feared litigation. The reality of it now is that failure to require protective eyewear leaves the door ajar for legal action, and most importantly, for eye injuries and loss of vision.

B. Eyeguards Required For Juniors and Those Under 19

Lensed eye protection, designed for racquet sports, is required of all competitors in the Junior Division and all players under the age of 19 in all sanctioned events. (Failure to wear protective eyeguards will result in a technical and the player must take a time-out to secure eye protection. The second infraction in the same

match will result in a forfeit.)

This resolution merely becomes a conversational point if proposal A passes. The question is, "Do we make the sport safe for juniors and ignore the rest of the playing population?"

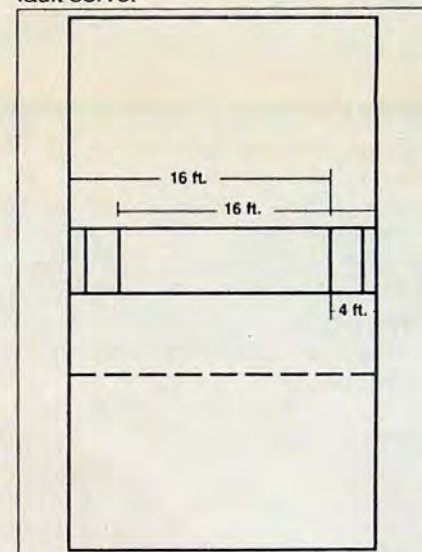
C. Screen Serve Is A Fault

Any serve which, in the opinion of the referee, is a screen also is a fault serve. The call, or non-call, may not be appealed.

The server has two opportunities to make a legal serve, so why should the server receive the additional advantage — be it intentional or non-intentional — of serving an illegal serve without a penalty? The WPA adopted the screen serve rule about three years ago. Michigan and Indiana associations have used the rule with success the past year. Though the same rule was proposed but not passed by the AARA in 1986, 62 percent of those returning ballots voted in favor of adopting the rule.

D. Drive Serve Rule

For the drive serve only, the service area is divided into two 16-foot service zones. A violation is a fault serve.



1. A player attempting a drive serve to the left side of the court must start and finish the service motion in the 16-foot area outside the line on the left side of the service box. Likewise, the line on the right side of the service zone is observed when attempting a drive serve to the right side of the court. The call, or non-call, may be appealed.

2. The drive serve zone is not observed for cross-court serves, the hard-Z, soft-Z, lob or half-lob serves.

3. The drive serve lines are outside the 16-foot area. Therefore, dropping the ball on the line, or standing on the line, while serving to the same side is an infraction.

4. The racquet may break the plane of the 16-foot area while making contact with a ball that has been dropped legally.

Serving while standing very near the wall or walking away from the wall and serving behind the body to hide the ball from the view of the receiver has become a wide-spread practice at all levels, professional and amateur. The men's professional tour, the RMA,

acknowledged the problem and adopted a drive serve rule similar to the proposal.

Associations in Indiana and Michigan have used the above rule, or a variation, with success for the past three years. The pro and Michigan rule allows the player to start the service motion next to the wall and only requires that contact be made in the drive serve zone. The proposed rule requires the player to **start and finish** in the proper zone, which makes the rule easier for the referee to follow and enforce. More importantly, this application makes it easier to apply during 99 percent of all play — the daily matches without a referee.

E. Out-Of-Court Ball Results In Loss Of Rally

During a rally, a ball which strikes the front wall and, on the fly, goes out of the court through an opening in the backwall will end the rally. It will result in a point or out serve. (This rule is applied when the ball strikes any portion of the backwall structure — such as a wood border, carpet, plexiglas — which is higher than 12 feet. It will be a dead-ball hinder if the ball strikes an object — vent, controls, etc. — on a wall that would be in play if the object were not there, i.e., a completely enclosed court.) Note: A ball which leaves the court through a sidewall opening results in the loss of the rally if, in the opinion of the referee, the ball would have caromed out of the backwall opening or not made it to the front wall.

This means that a player is penalized for hitting a bad shot, and is not afforded the opportunity to replay the rally.

F. Breaking Plane of Five Foot Line On Follow-Through is Violation

The racquet and body may not break the plane of the receiving (5-foot) line during the return of serve.

Under the current rule, the receiver — on the attempted fly return of serve — may follow through into the receiving zone so long as the ball was struck after it cleared the plane of the receiving line. The fly return occurs most often on the lob serve. Jon Denley, president of the New Jersey Racquetball Association which uses the proposed rule, contends the change is needed for safety.

G. Doubles Team Changes

A change in playing partners may be made as long as that team's first match has not begun. For this purpose only, the match will be considered started once the teams have been called to the court.

This allows for replacement because of injury or any other reason.

H. Division Qualifications

Men and women are restricted to competing in events for their sex only during Regional and National events.

For the purpose of encouraging the development of women's racquetball, the governing bodies of numerous states permit women to play in

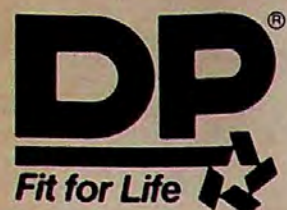
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Vote **FOR** or **AGAINST** the proposal by checking the appropriate box.

For Proposal	Against Proposal	
☐	☐	A. Eye Protection Required (Not required under current rules.)
☐	☐	B. Lensed Eyeguards Required For Juniors (Lensed eyewear not specified.)
☐	☐	C. Screen Serve Is Fault Serve (Screen serve is dead-ball serve currently.)
☐	☐	D. Drive Serve Rule (Drive serve permitted anywhere in service zone currently.)
☐	☐	E. Out-Of-Court Ball Results In Loss Of Rally (Out-of-court ball is dead-ball hinder and rally replayed currently.)
☐	☐	F. Breaking Plane Of Receiving Line On Return Of Serve Follow-Through Results In Point. (Follow-through into receiving area is legal so long as ball is contacted behind 5-foot line.)
☐	☐	G. Change In Doubles Team (Change permitted only at discretion of tournament director currently.)
☐	☐	H. Men and Women Restricted to Respective Divisions During Regionals and Nationals. (Though not in writing, this is intent under current rules.)

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RULE THREE - REGISTRAR VERIFICATION

Eligibility of participants shall be verified by attaching a letter to the entry blank from the Office of Admissions or Registrar with the school seal affixed. Names and full course work verification shall be noted.

RULE FOUR - TEAMS AND FORMAT

Teams consist of 4 to 8 players from the same institution: teams cannot have players from different schools in the same system (University of Texas-Austin, Arlington, and El Paso campuses). Doubles teams must be from the same institution.

A team of 4 or 8 players consists of ONE #1 Singles, ONE #2 Singles, ONE #3 Singles, ONE #4 Singles, a #1 Doubles and #2 Doubles team. Singles players may also play doubles. Only 2 players from any one school may be in any singles division and only 2 doubles teams from any one school may be in either doubles division. A school may enter one team of 4-8 players or two teams of 4-8 players. Players on team 1 cannot play doubles or singles on team 2.

RULE FIVE - SCORING

The champion of each event shall receive 10 points, runner-up 7 points, third place 4 points, fourth place 2 points. There is a bonus pool of points that will be awarded for each win beginning with round 16: 7 points for division #1, 5 for division #2, 3 for division #3 and none for division #4. Using this weighting system it becomes more valuable to the team to play players at their ability level rather than below. Additional points: a player shall receive 2 points for each match won, except that no advancement points shall be awarded to the winner of the championship finals or the third place match. A forfeit or any injury default is considered a match won. One point is awarded a player receiving a bye, if he or she wins the next match. Teams with less than a full team will score points toward the team championships.

RULE SIX - AARA MEMBERSHIP

All players must be members of the AARA — non-members must submit \$10.00 yearly dues as part of registration form.

TEAM ENTRY FORM

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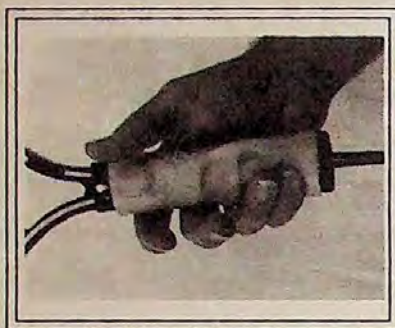
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Thomas Waltz (CT) and Pat Colombo (NY) claimed the gold medals and title in the Mens 50+ Division by holding back the #1 seeds Otis Chapman (OH) and Pete Talbot (NJ) 15-5, 15-10. Colombo and Waltz removed William Hurst and Herb Nathan both of Florida, 15-5, 15-9 in the semifinals. Talbot and Chapman paved their way to the finals by defeating Florida's Don Fox and Mike Mojer, 15-8, 15-5. The bronze medals were presented to Fox and Mojer after taking out Hurst and Nathan, 15-6, 15-14.

Florida's Jack Ross and Fred White captured the Mens 45+ Championship title and gold medals. Ross and White earned their title by removing the #2 seeds, Otis Chapman and Bobby Sanders of Ohio, 9-15, 15-11, 11-9. In addition, Ross and White knocked out the #1 seeds Ron Galbreath (PA) and Joe Jackman (PA) in the semifinals, 15-3, 7-15, 11-6. Chapman and Sanders defeated Jerry Davis (OH) and Mark Wayne (CA) 15-10, 8-15, 11-9 in the very close semifinals match. Galbreath and Jackman were presented the bronze medals after they beat Davis and Wayne 15-5, 12-15, 11-1.

Craig Kunkel and George DeLuca of California shot through the Mens 40+ Division claiming the gold medals and the final victory against #4 seeded Ron Galbreath (PA) and Joe Jackman (PA) 15-7, 15-7. In semifinal play, Kunkel and DeLuca removed Bobby Sanders and Michael Stern of Ohio 15-6, 15-4. Jackman and Galbreath took out the #1 seeds, Les Dittrich (MN) and Ron Strom (MN) 12-15, 15-2, 11-2.

In the Men's 35+ Division new champions were crowned. The #2 seeds, Joe Icaza (FL) and Van Dubolsky (FL) received the gold medals after coming back from a deficit position. The team dropped the first game 9-15 to Wayne Vincent (GA) and Frank Johnson (GA), then dominated the remaining two games 15-8, 11-3 to pick up the win. Vincent and Johnson made their way to the finals by upsetting the #1 seeded team of Ed Remen (VA) and Johnny Hennon (TN) 15-14, 15-10. The bronze medals went to Joe Wirkus (WI) and Herb Grigg (IL) the #4 seeded team. They defeated Mike Romano (MA) and Rich Voto (MA) 15-5, 15-13.

Florida's Joe Icaza was also victorious in the Mens 30+ Division, where he teamed up with Frank Johnson of Florida. They defeated Ken Teape (NY) and Jim Deritis (PA) 15-11, 15-13. Icaza and Johnson made their way to the finals by removing the #2 seeded team Ed Remen (VA) and Johnny Hennon (TN) 15-10, 1-15, 11-3, in the quarterfinals then Leo Marsoci and Todd Taylor of Florida 15-13, 15-4 in the semifinals. Teape and Deritis upset the #1 seeds from Arizona, Ken Garrigus and Mike Romo 15-7, 5-15, 11-1, in the semifinals. Garrigus and Romo settled with third place.

The #4 seeded team, Eileen Erlich and Gail Troxell from Florida, claimed their victory and the gold medals in the Womens 30+ Division, by eliminating the #3 seeds, Carol Frenck (VA) and Linda Baumler (MN) 15-13, 15-13. Erlich and Troxell moved into the finals by dominating their semifinals match against Rene Fish and Linda Icaza of Florida 15-4, 15-1. Frenck and Baumler ousted Pam Goddard and Jayne Vigil of Georgia 15-1, 15-5 in the semifinals. Goddard and Vigil received the bronze medals after they beat Fish and Icaza 15-11, 15-13.

Jim Young (PA) and Scott Clark (KY) the #3 seeds claimed the gold in the Mens 25+ Division by removing the defending champions and the #1 seeds from New Mexico, Tom Neill and Rich Hill 15-14, 15-13. In the semifinal rounds, Young and Clark held off Gordon Kirkland and Sid Miller of Florida, 15-7, 15-9. Neill and Hill topped Vinnie Ganley and Bobby Owens both of Florida, 15-11, 15-12 in their semifinals round.

Jacksonville's Mary Lyons and Susan Morgan, the #2 seeds, were presented the gold medals in the Womens +25 Division after upsetting Orlando rivals and 1985 defending champions, Diane Bullard and Julie Pinnell 15-7, 15-6. Lyons and Morgan came out ahead in a close semifinals match against Kentucky's #3 seeds, Holly Rentz and Peggy Stephens 15-8, 10-15, 11-6. Bullard and Pinnell pounded Ali Swofford and Sally Worden both of Tennessee 15-3, 15-5 to move on to the finals. The bronze medals went to Rentz and Stephens after they defeated Swofford and Worden, 15-10, 15-10.

Hart Johnson (MN) and Gus Farell (MN) claimed the championship title and gold medals in the very tough Mens 19+ Division. The finals were credited to Johnson and Farell after they ousted Florida's #2 seeds, Sergio Gonzalez and Tim Hansen. Johnson and Farell took the first game 15-13, dropped the second 2-15 and then pulled out an 11-10 tiebreaker. In semifinals play, John-

son and Farell upset the #3 seeds, Charlie Nichols and John Schneider of Florida, 15-14, 15-7. Gonzalez and Hansen took out Joe Cline (NJ) and Ron Digiaco (NY) in their semifinals match. Third place and the bronze medals went to Nichols and Schneider after they pushed by Cline and Digiaco 15-3, 15-6.

The championship title in the Womens 19+ Division was captured by the #1 seeds from Florida, Chris Collins and Melanie Britton. They breezed by Angie Browning and Lori Basch the #2 seeded team, also of Florida, 15-3, 15-4. In semifinals play Collins and Britton knocked out Pennsylvania's Robin Chilcoat and Tracy Ingram 15-4, 15-8. Browning and Basch were credited a tough semifinals victory by removing Beth Alois and Kersten Hallender, both from Florida, 14-15, 15-11, 11-8. Alois and Hallender defeated Chilcoat and Ingram 15-7, 15-13 for the bronze medals.

In the Womens B Division Ali Swofford and Sally Worden both of Tennessee defeated Florida's Amy Hannah Spector 15-9, 15-7 in the finals.

The Mens B Division was dominated by Thomas Jobe and Kurt Nystrom of Florida. They beat Mike Peyton and Mark Sheck also of Florida 15-2, 15-9.

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Rules Issues

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men's divisions when a comparable skill level isn't available in the women's division. The proposed rule does not negate the states' rights to continue their practice, but merely identifies the AARA's position on regional and national championships.

Two other items which will be considered and voted upon, changing section on "Uniform" to "Apparel" and delineating the responsibility of the line judges, are clarifications rather than rule changes.

Please note whether you are for or against the proposal and support your vote with comments on the form or an attached sheet of paper. Your comments on other rules also are solicited. All ballots must be postmarked by March 15 to ensure they are tabulated.

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Colorado Springs, CO 80909
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Warren, NJ 07060
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2120 N. Woodlawn
Wichita, KS 67208
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Championship
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9565 Highland Drive
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February 25-Mar 1
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February 25-March 1
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Wilmington, DE 19810
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Elgin, IL 60120
Al Danielwicz
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Championships
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Auburn, MA 01527
Maureen Henrickson

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Butler, PA 16001
Bob Martini

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Championships
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King George Racquetball Club
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Greenbrook, NJ 08812
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